

Going abroad: Join us protecting Sicily's nature

Practical semesters, Bachelor / Master Thesis or Voluntary service at Mount Etna

Dear Students,

We offer you the possibility to join our team of environmentalists at the western slope of Mt. Etna. You can help in many diverse activities and get the chance to contribute with own ideas. Regarding your study topic and interest, you may even work on special subjects. See you soon, Giacche Verdi Bronte and Manfred-Hermesen-Stiftung



A brief insight: In the small rural river valleys between Etna and the Nebrodi Mountains, the migration corridor of the wildcat and other species, we are promoting the establishment of a biosphere reserve and carry out various environmental education projects with children as well as practical, planning and experimental nature conservation activities and surveys on biodiversity. Own plots of land allow us to experience in sustainable and biodiversity friendly agricultural practices.

Erasmus+ your support for going abroad: The Erasmus+ programme enables students to finance a stay abroad within the European Union. Many students have already taken advantage of this support to participate in our projects in Sicily. Young international volunteers from the EU Solidary Corps join our team too.



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Current project 2025-2028:

“Cutting Carbon – Promoting Biochar for Climate Change Mitigation”. This EUKI co-financed project is taking place in Sicily, Croatia and North-Macedonia and focuses on carbon sequestration through the introduction of biochar into the soil, which was previously produced from tree cuttings. Fruit growers shall become climate protectors! A greening campaign promotes tree plantings and green roofs in town. Within a large-scale environmental education work for school children, we conduct a comparative Citizen Science study for trees in different substrates.

Requirements: Participation of your university in an Erasmus+ internship programme. You should be flexible, open-minded, adaptable and willing to participate in all upcoming work. You need to respect the different mentality of the host country. We expect self-initiative and the ability to work independently as well as in a team. Your worktime will be shared between the general teamwork, e.g. olive harvesting or school visits, and your possible individual study. Together with you and your university tutor, we will discuss your thesis topic and deliver logistic support.

It would be helpful to already know some Italian; English skills are necessary. The willingness to follow instructions from Giacche Verdi and currently applicable rules is indispensable.

If you want to apply: Simply send us your CV, photo and motivation letter, stating your intentions and the targeted period of the internship.

For further information and volunteer reports, please visit www.giaccheverdibronte.it or www.m-h-s.org or contact us via e-Mail: Giacche Verdi Bronte gvbronte@gmail.com or Manfred-Hermesen-Stiftung info@m-h-s.org.

Application deadline: Ongoing call depending on vacant placements.

